

ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE MINUTES

Meeting of December 11, 2019

The meeting, hosted by Mayor Robert McBain, City of Piedmont, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Al Nagy at the City of Piedmont Community Hall located at 711 Highland Avenue, Piedmont, California.

1. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

The following mayors, or their elected alternates, were present during the proceedings:

City	Member Attendee
Albany	Mayor Nick Pilch
Dublin	Mayor Dave Haubert
Emeryville	Mayor Christian Patz
Fremont	Mayor Lily Mei
Hayward	Mayor Barbara Halliday
Livermore	Mayor John Marchand
Newark	Mayor Al Nagy
Piedmont	Mayor Robert McBain
San Leandro	Mayor Pauline Russo Cutter
Union City	Mayor Carol Dutra-Vernaci

2. Approval of the November 13, 2019 Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Mayor Marchand and seconded by Mayor Dutra-Vernaci to approve the November 13, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion was unanimous and so ordered.

3. Agenda Amendments

No agenda amendments.

4. Public Comments and Other Announcements

No public comments.

5. Member Reports on Regional Activities and Committee

Mayor McBain provided an update regarding the East Bay Regional Communication System Authority's functioning during the recent Pacific Gas and Electric blackouts and local fires. He indicated that system generators and back-up systems generally worked as planned.

John Bauters, City of Emeryville Councilmember provided an update on the Alameda County Mayors' Conference Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) noting the work of the Stationary Source, Budget and Finance and Legislative committees. Mayor Russo Cutter indicated that BAAQMD is focusing on helping the greater good rather than simply maintain a regulatory focus.

Mayor Dutra-Vernaci provided an update on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission outlining roadway and other projects that will be funded in the upcoming plan.

6. Appointments to Regional Boards and Call for Applications

President Nagy informed the members of the current regional board vacancies and directed members to review Item 6 of the Executive Director's Report, which provides detailed vacancy information.

In response to President Nagy's report, Mayor Patz indicated an interest in serving on the Nominating Committee and President Nagy appointed him.

7. League of California City Reports, Legislative Updates and Actions

Samantha Caygill, Regional Public Affairs Manager, East Bay Division, League of California Cities indicated the East Bay's Chapter, held a leadership meeting in Napa during which they identified key issues for the upcoming year including the need to improve housing, with focus on affordable housing, increased funding for homelessness, financial sustainability, including pension funding, disaster preparedness, and public safety concerns. She indicated that the first meeting for calendar year 2020 will be held on January 30, 2020 at Scott's Sea Food in Oakland.

8. Other Business Matter

- a) Renewal of the agreement with Steven Bocian to serve as the Alameda County Mayors' Conference Executive Director for calendar year 2020.

President Nagy informed members that the Executive Committee voted to recommend that the membership approve the agreement with Steven Bocian to service as the Alameda County Mayors' Conference Executive Director for calendar year 2020.

It was moved by Mayor Marchand and seconded by Mayor Russo Cutter to accept the Executive Committee's recommendation and approve the service agreement with Steven Bocian to serve as the Alameda County Mayors' Conference Executive Director for the 2020 calendar year. Motion was unanimous and so ordered.

- b) Approval of the 2020 calendar year operating budget

President Nagy informed members that the Executive Committee voted to recommend that the membership approve the 2020 operating budget as presented by the Executive Director.

It was moved by Mayor Marchand and seconded by Mayor Russo Cutter to accept the Executive Committee's recommendation and approve the 2020 Alameda County Mayors' Conference's 2020 operating budget as included in the meeting agenda. Motion was unanimous and so ordered.

9. Host City Mayor's Report

Mayor Robert McBain welcomed attendees, introduced City of Piedmont councilmembers, staff, and guests, and thanked City staff for their work on this event and recognized the work of the City's new City Administrator.

Piedmont High School Troubadours were introduced and entertained the crowd by singing some holiday carols.

10. Request for Future Agenda Items

Mayor Russo Cutter would like to discuss the overall negative impact that state taxes and regulations are having on local marijuana dispensaries and indicated it would be timely to discuss this matter at the April 2020 business meeting, which will be hosted by the City of San Leandro.

11. Meeting Presentation

Jennifer Adrio, Regional CEO of the American Red Cross, North Coast California Region (NCCR) provided an overview of the agency's current activities particularly those related to Northern California. She indicated that \$0.90 of every dollar goes directly to services of which are mostly provided by volunteers and stressed that the Red Cross is funded entirely by public donations not the government. She also discussed the agency's overall focus including providing first aid training, blood services, service to the armed services, international services, and aide to approximately 63,000 families who lose their homes annually as a result of house fires. The agency currently has 300,000 volunteers and 21,000 employees and she indicated that a recent customer service analysis indicates that 74.5% of the customers rate the Red Cross's services as excellent. There was a total of 221 disaster responses in Alameda County during the past year with the majority being related to house fires. She encouraged members to download the Red Cross app to assist with emergency preparedness.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven R. Bocian

Steven Bocian
Executive Director